

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, October 05, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Betsy Momany presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Ein's ist Noth!" No. 241 vs 1-3 Seite 233

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, H. [Switzerland] June 18, 1741

Scripture: Mark 12:1-12

Psalm 118:14-29

Closing Hymn: "Ein's ist Noth!" No. 241 vs 8-10 Seite 233

The Late Service will start at 10:00 A.M. with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "Oh, be not dismayed" No. 9

Closing Hymn: "Lord, this Treasure" No. 17

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service (Nachtgebet) begins at 7:00 P.M. in Middle.

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's 10:00 A.M. Service.

The live link for the 10:00 A.M. service is --- <https://www.facebook.com/theamanachurch>

Links to services posted online may be found at: <https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/>

## AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING UPDATE

Due to schedule conflicts, the monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. **Tuesday, October 7th, 2025** in the Amana lift station.

## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Michele Maring Miller Watercolor Classes

You do not need to be an expert or even trained in art to enjoy the simple pleasure of watercolor painting. To get started or to help improve your skills, join a class taught by West Amana watercolor artist, Michele Maring Miller.

Classes will be held Oct 7 – 8 and Oct. 18 – 19 at her West Amana gallery and studio. Each will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. with breaks. Give Miller a call at 319-249-4524 for details and to signup.

### Oktoberfest is 60 and We are Ready to Party!

It's been 60 years since the first Oktoberfest celebration and we've got so much planned this week, they've expanded the festival to four days. The fun starts on Thursday.

Hey, in 1999 when the first Oktoberfest was held in newly refurbished Festhalle barn that was a five-day event and yes, a couple of years later we tried a double weekend event but, of course, one weekend was a total rainout. This year it looks like it will be a warm one, but we'll take sunshine over rainstorms any festival day.

Many of the local merchants have pop up crafts-people, pumpkin and mum sales, popcorn and more in their front lawns this weekend. Check out and shop local. Here are a few highlights from the schedule. For the entire schedule go to the [amanacolonyes.com](http://amanacolonyes.com) events page and down load the PDF.

Also take time to see the new lower level Rathskeller at the Festhalle newly remodeled and ready to go.

### Thursday, Oct. 2

4 – 6 p.m. Alpine Thunder will perform in the Festhalle

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Amana Colony Folks Singers perform in the Festhalle

8 – 10 p.m. Polka Police in the Festhalle

### Friday, Oct. 3

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Official keg tapping party at the Amana Heritage Museum. First brat is free till they run out. Tickets for the Festhalle purchased at the Museum during this Friday party benefit the Amana Heritage Society too.

Hotel Millwright green space open from 11 till 11 with food and music, including the Ben Schmidt Band, Well Lit and New Trick.

11 – 8 p.m. Millstream Brewing and the Brau Haus - in the backyard of the Brau Haus a tent will

## OKTOBERFEST FESTHALLE PERFORMANCES



THURSDAY 6:30 - 7:30  
FRIDAY 8:00 - 9:30

### AMANA PACK 223 POPCORN SALES

It is that time of year again! The Amana Cub Scouts are selling popcorn around the colonies. Proceeds from popcorn sales ensure we can provide adequate equipment, programming and recognition for the members of our Pack. Scouts will be coming around selling door to door in the next several weeks. If you know a scout, please reach out to their families to learn how to order. Finally, feel free to email [hacpack223@gmail.com](mailto:hacpack223@gmail.com), or call Aaron Schaefer (Pack Popcorn Kernel) at 319-310-7394 and he can help with your order as well.

Thank you for your support!  
Pack 223 Scouts, Leaders and Parents

### AMANA COMMUNITY LIBRARY HOURS CLOSED ON Saturday, Oct 4.

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| Monday 9am-3pm     | Thursday 9am-6pm  |
| Tuesday 9am-6pm    | Friday 9am-6pm    |
| Wednesday 9am-Noon | Saturday 9am-Noon |

be up and they will be serving food with musical performances. Also check out music on the Brau Haus front patio with New Jolly Germans from 5 – 8 p.m. from 8 p.m. till 11 p.m. DJ Chris Loyd will be here rolling tunes that spark those 80s memories with an 80s prom theme in the tent behind the Brau Haus.

11:30 – 3 p.m. Barefoot Becky performs at the Festhalle Halle.

2 p.m. Keg parade begins at the museum and ends at the Festhalle for the ceremony with the Burgermeister and his entourage.

4 – 6 p.m. Jeff Werimer and Jessica Mar offer a chill musical respite in the Ox Yoke Bierstube cellar. Happiest hour specials too.

3 – 5 p.m. they'll be grilling on the front lawn at the Ronneburg with live music Friday.

3:30 – 5 p.m. Polka Police at the Festhalle

5:30 – 7:30 Die Tiefen Keller Kinder at the Festhalle

7:30 – Yodeling contest at the Festhalle

8 p.m. till 9:30 p.m. Amana Colony Folksingers perform at the Festhalle with the all famous Schuhplattlers dance troupe and a live band!

10 p.m. – midnight Polka Police in the Festhalle

### Saturday, Oct. 4

8:30 – 10:30 a.m. refreshments on the Ox Yoke Inn lawn

10 a.m. Parade

10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Ackerman Winery has food and more fun all day long!

10 a.m. – 9 p.m. entertainment at Millstream Brewing Co. include Barry Boyce Party Polka Band and Airwaves.

11 a.m. – 11 p.m. Hotel Millwright greenspace under the big tents music, drink and good food.

11 – 3 p.m. Barefoot Becky performs at the Ronneburg front lawn as they grill brats and serve sandwiches.

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WHEN: OCTOBER 7TH, 2025  
POLLS OPEN AT NOON AND CLOSE AT 8PM.

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Church Services

SUNDAYS 9:00 AM

All Are Welcome

Amana Performing Arts Center

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Saturday, Oct. 4 cont.

11 – 4 p.m. Ox Yoke Inn pop up kitchen, grab and go menu.

11 – 1 p.m. Polka Police at the Festhalle.

12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Keg toss, Log sawing, nagel-hauen at the Market barn.

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. The Happy Players are playing in the Festhalle

4 p.m. Eisenmann at the Market barn.

4 – 8:30 p.m. Alte Kameraden at the Festhalle

9 – midnight The Happy Players at the Festhalle

Sunday, Oct. 5

11 a.m. – 4 p.m Our DTKK band followed by Retro Rockets play at Millstream Brewing Co.

11 – 11:45 Collegium Tuben at the Festhalle

Noon – 2 p.m. Alte Kameraden at the Festhalle

2:30 – 5 p.m. Maleek’s Fishermen Polka Band at the Festhalle.

A Few Things We Learned About Oktoberfest

Folks have been kind enough to call and email with their own Oktoberfest memories. Here’s a sampling.

• Charlie Hoehnle remembered that the Amazing Kreskin a “mentalist” performed at the Oktober-fest the late 1960s and would not take his pay-ment unless he was able to deduce which per-son had his check in his pocket. He called out the name Bob Couch and pointed to him from the stage. Indeed Jaycee President Couch had his check in his pocket and swore ever after that he had not communicated this fact to Kre-skin at any point. Amana was amazed!

• In addition to Anne Leonhardt and Marion Zier-old, Emilie Oehl, Carl Ungenk and Jim Peet all played the accordion for the festival stage

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FURNITURE & CLOCK SHOP

The Amana Furniture Shop is seeking a Full or Part time Retail Associate!

This person will assist customers, maintain product displays, and promote Amana-made craftsmanship and quality. The ability to work weekends and operate a point-of-sale system is a must. For more information, check out the ad on Indeed or contact Laura Sue at 319-622-3953 or lswoods@amanas.net.

THANK YOU

The Amana Community Library would like to thank everyone who made our Used Book Sale a HUGE success! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped sort books and set up. And to every-one who donated books for the sale. Thank you to the community for all your generosity and continued support! All the proceeds received will benefit the library. We are truly grateful and honored to be able to offer new books, activities, and events to the chil-dren and families across our community. Thank you!

Rhonda Hegewald

Amana Community Library Director

show players. The live stage band got bigger each year and included quite a number of high school players.

Folks had to order a Dirndle or Lederhosen from one of their friends or relatives fortunate enough to be traveling to Germany. There was little or no way to mail order Trachten until about 1980 when shops specializing in German festival dress opened in New Ulm and fabric for sewing skirts and Dirndls could be bought in New Glarus. A dirndle could cost as much as \$150 in the mid 1970s, a fortune then.

Among many other things, Oktoberfest paid for new curtains for the Amana Elementary audi-torium stage, sound equipment, the Morton building, the large pavilion, the small pavilion and the restrooms at the Middle Park. In 1999 after the straight line windstorm of 1998, \$1 of every admission ticket sold to the festival went to Amana barn restoration.

The last “big stage show” was held in the Ama-na School auditorium in 1979. A shorter version was create and performed by a core group of Amana Colony Folksingers in 1987.

Oktoberfest took several “breaks.” It did not happen in 1978 because of a lack of volunteers and the need to take a break by those who or-ganized the fest. It came back in 1979 but then for six years starting in 1980 it did not happen as Amana was hosting the World Ag Expo and the Farm Progress Show.

• What was its biggest, busiest year? I’m not really sure and would like to hear from those who have organized this event. Certainly the 1970 festival with Gov. Robert Ray as the pa-rade grand marshall was a giant one, but I’m sure there have been some recently that have topped the charts.

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RAVENWOLF PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS:

The Crowfoot Rakes,

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